

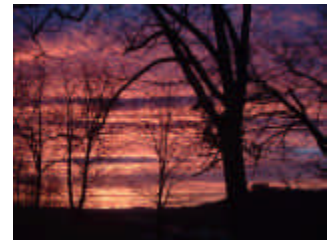


Davis-Bourne Inn Independence, Virginia

Virginia Green is the Commonwealth of Virginia's campaign to promote environmentally-friendly practices in all aspects of Virginia's tourism industry. **Virginia Green** has established "core activities" specific to each sector of tourism, and these practices are considered the required minimum for participation in the program. However, **Virginia Green** encourages its participants to reduce their environmental impacts in all aspects of their operations; and this profile provides a full list of all their "green" activities. These are the activities that guests / customers can expect to find when they visit this facility.

Davis-Bourne Inn

"The Davis-Bourne Inn and Journey's End Restaurant are located in a historic Victorian home in the Blue Ridge Mountains in Southwest VA. The Inn offers 4 beautiful guest rooms and the Restaurant offers something for everyone with a casual, comfortable atmosphere in beautiful surroundings and great, fresh food prepared with local ingredients."



Green Statement: "I've always been green. As a FL Master Gardener and former owner of a native and butterfly plant nursery, my mindset has always been green."

CORE ACTIVITIES for Lodging

“☑” This symbol indicates a required activity for Virginia Green Lodging facilities. Participants self-certify that they activities are in place and they provide additional specifics on other activities. Visitors to Davis-Bourne Inn can expect the following practices:

☑ **Optional Linen Service.** Virginia Green Lodging facilities must have some sort of system in place that allows guests to not have their sheets and towels changed every day.

- Linens are only changed upon request
- House cleaners have been trained on process for optional linen service
- Non-phosphate, non-toxic, and biodegradable detergents
- Minimized use of bleach

☑ **Recycling and Waste Reduction.** Virginia Green Lodging facilities must recycle Glass Bottles and are highly encouraged to maintain a comprehensive recycling program.

- “We are recycling everything we possibly can!” Glass, steel cans, aluminum cans, plastic, office paper, toner cartridges, newspaper, cardboard, packing supplies, fluorescent lamps, and batteries
- Give extra food from event to staff.
- Composting food wastes!
- Effective food inventory control system that minimizes wastes
- Locally-grown produce and other foods are used whenever possible
- Purchase recycled content paper towels and toilet tissue
- Bulk soap dispensers instead of individual soaps
- Instruct house cleaners to save and reuse unopened items

- Eliminated the use of Styrofoam
- We filter our grease in order to minimize waste and we recycle the rest
- Use reusable dishware, glassware, and cutlery
- Any disposables are from bio-based materials, have recycled content, and are compostable
- that minimizes wastes
- 2-sided copying and encourage electronic correspondence and billing
- Using “green” cleaners
- Purchased durable equipment and furniture
- Use building materials that have been recycled or are from sustainable sources
- Use only latex paints and other less toxic materials whenever possible
- All equipment and vehicles is on a preventative maintenance schedule

☒ **Water Conservation.** The facility must have a plan for conserving water that should consider plumbing modifications and landscaping.

- Preventative maintenance of drips and leaks
- High efficiency dishwashers
- Use dry clean up methods over water-based methods
- Low flow toilets and restrictors on faucets and showerheads
- Effective landscape management plan which utilizes drought tolerant species
- Collect rainwater for landscaping with a cistern and rain barrel system
- Minimized paved and other impervious areas wherever possible.

☒ **Energy Conservation.** The facility must have a plan in place that encourages replacement of lighting and equipment to energy-efficient alternatives.

- Tracking overall energy bills and set a numeric goal to reduce
- Purchasing EnergyStar-rated computers and appliances
- Have High Efficiency Heating & Air Conditioning and use ceiling fans
- Extensive natural lighting & lighting sensors
- Preventative maintenance plan for HVAC
- Use directional lighting in parking lots and walkways
- Installed compact fluorescent lightbulbs wherever practical



☒ **Green Events Package.** The facility must offer a “green” or “environmentally-friendly” package for conferences, meetings and other events. Even if the facility only offers occasional, small events, at least recycling will be provided.

For more information on **Journey’s End Restaurant at the Davis-Bourne Inn**, see www.davisbourneinn.com or contact Taphne Volinskus at davisbourneinn@earthlink.net.

For more information on **Virginia Green** program, see www.deq.virginia.gov/p2/viriniagreen or www.viriniagreentravel.org.



Virginia Green is supported through a partnership between the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality, the Virginia Hospitality & Travel Association, and the Virginia Tourism Corporation.

